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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Reference Service

ATTENTION : Chief, Pictorial Services Branch

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Chief, Functional Training Division, OTR

SUBJECT : Transfer of Commercial Films to Videotape

REFERENCE : Memo from C/CRS/PSB to C/OTR/FTD/OTB, same subj,  
dtd 15 January 1976

1. In October 1975, OTR/TSS/FTV sent a memorandum to C/CRS/PSB listing 11 films which the Operations Training Branch in OTR wished to have transferred to videotape. We appreciate the recommendations which you made in response concerning points of contact for approval to transfer the U.S. Government Agency films to videotape. Action is also being taken to process the Agency-produced films in the same manner. However, we understand that the five commercial films on the list cannot be put on videotape without the approval of the producer of respective controlling commercial organization.

2. Since the commercial films are quite old and are frequently shown in operational training programs for the DDO, we are concerned about how long they will remain in usable condition. Our interest in having such films transferred to videotape is also based on security-related factors in our covert training environment, including the advantage of working with the less bulky and less evident videotape cassettes.

3. The five commercial films that were a part of our earlier request are:

Fidelity of Reporting	E 7305
Eye of the Beholder	L 6305
Ring of Treason	T 6564
The Thief	E 6151
Walk East on Beacon	D 7668

Your support in securing approval to make videotape copies of the above films will be much appreciated.

Distribution:

Oril & 1 - Addressee  
1 - C/FTD  
1 - C/OTR/TSS  
1 - OTR Registry  
1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - [REDACTED] Film File

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Ken:

1. As a follow-up on our telecon concerning transfer of certain films to videotape, I can identify only one on [REDACTED] list that can be transferred with only OTR approval, Agent Acquisition (K6240), a film originally produced by your office. CRS cannot approve transfer of any of the other films to videotape because of strict adherence to the Agency policy of respecting all legal restrictions controlling use and re-production of motion picture film and television videotape programs.

2. Other U.S. government agencies who produce some of the films on the list might give approval for OTR to transfer prints to videotape. Film titles and addresses of these producing agencies follow. You should address a memorandum to these organizations outlining your needs and request their approval to transfer the titles from film to videotape.

- . What is Good Writing - Naval Photo Center  
Address: Commander Naval Photographic Center  
Washington, D. C. 20374
- . Surveillance "White Shoes" - Signal Corps  
Address: Commander Motion Picture  
Distribution and Depository  
Division  
Tobyhanna Army Depot  
Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania 18466
- . Resisting Enemy Interrogation - USAF
- . New Approaches to Espionage - USAF  
Address: Commander Aerospace Audiovisual  
Service  
Norton Air Force Base  
California 92409

3. A fifth film House Search was produced by OSS. Your contact within DDO for approval to use this film in the video format could result in an approval to transfer.

4. The other five titles on [REDACTED] list are controlled by commercial organizations, including Hollywood producers, and are not available in video format. It has been my experience to have these companies reject any request to transfer film to videotape because of what they consider complete loss of control over their copyrighted motion picture films.

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